

Comstock Connect

December 2022 Newsletter



Township Office Hours
Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday
8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Wednesday
8:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m.

Friday
8:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

Township Board

Supervisor
Randy Thompson

Clerk
Nicole Beauchamp

Treasurer
Bret Padgett

Trustees
Jerry Amos
Terry McIver
Jason Knight
Clyde "Bub" Sherwood

Superintendent
Scott Hess

Transfer Station
November 1- March 31

Thursdays
11:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

Saturday
9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

The Township Hall
will be closed on December
23rd and 26th in honor of
Christmas.



It's the most wonderful time of year again in Comstock Charter Township. We once again are hosting Santa's Mailbox in the Township lobby for kids who need to send a letter to the big man in red.

Additionally, Elected Officials and Township Staff have adopted several families in need this season. We are privileged to be able to serve 3 families with 7 kids total and a senior.

Please note the Township Office will be closed on December 23rd and 26th in observance of Christmas.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Comstock Charter Township.

Messages from the Township

Randy Thompson, Township Supervisor

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supervisor@comstockmi.gov



We hope you've had a wonderful year. As 2022 comes to a close, we hope you can take time to reflect, recharge, and give back to our community. We have adopted three families in need this season and will be providing gifts to a senior in need. The Township Staff and Elected Officials are very much looking forward to providing these folks with toys and clothing for the holidays. We are very grateful for a break after a busy election season.

We hope you and your family can take time to spend time together during the holiday season.

Nicole Beauchamp, Township Clerk

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clerk@comstockmi.gov



In this issue you'll find a list of the 2023 holiday schedule as well as the meeting schedule for all boards and commissions. It is located on page 8.

Did you know that you can change your address with your local clerk if you've recently moved? No need to wait in line at the Secretary of State. You'll just need to bring proof of residency such as a paystub or utility bill along with a picture I.D. and we can quickly update your information.

Bret Padgett, Township Treasurer

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Winter property tax bills have been mailed out and tax amounts are now due and payable. To avoid a 3% penalty, tax payments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on February 14, 2023. Payments can be made by mail; in-person at the Township office; by using the drop box located near our front entrance; or online at www.comstockmi.gov.

We accept cash, check, money order, electronic check (\$3 fee), and major credit cards (3% fee). Any payments not received by February 28, 2023, will be turned over as delinquent to the Kalamazoo County Treasurer.

Curious about how the Township's funds are invested? Head to www.comstockmi.gov and navigate to the Treasurer's page. There you will find our investment policy, investment procedures, and the most recent quarterly investment report.

Dates and Announcements



Announcements



Get your Robert Morris Park passes for 2023 now!

On January 1, 2023, the price of a Robert Morris Park Pass will go up to \$25.

Currently the price of a 2023 Robert Morris Park Pass is \$20.

The price of a senior (60+) will remain \$10.

Important Dates

Township Board Meeting

The Township Board is meeting on Monday, December 5th, and December 19th at 6:00 PM.

Parks and Recreation Board Meeting

The Parks and Recreation Board is meeting on Monday, December 12th at 6:00 PM.

Planning Commission Board Meeting

The Planning Commission is meeting on Thursday, December 8th, and December 22nd at 7 P.M.

The Zoning Board of Reviews Meeting

The Zoning Board of Reviews is meeting on Tuesday, December 27th at 4:00 PM.

The Downtown Development Authority Meeting

The Downtown Development Authority is meeting on Wednesday, December 28th at 5:30 PM.

Township Office Closed

The Township Office will be closed on Friday, December 23rd, and Monday, December 26th in observance of Christmas Eve and Christmas day.

Parks and Recreation

Robert Morris Park

Planning on decorating your house for Christmas? The Comstock Township Parks and Recreation Department will be hosting a "Deck Your House" contest. Decorate your house and sign up by Friday, December 16th to join the contest. Supervisor Thompson will judge the houses and will declare the winners. The top 3 house will receive gift cards. Go to our [website](#) for more details on the contest.



*Prices increases to \$25 on January 1, 2023

Letters to Santa

Drop off your letters to Santa! Santa's mailbox will be located in the lobby at the Township Hall and library lobby until December 15. Leave your letter in the mailbox with a return address and receive a personal response from Santa. Please contact the Parks Department for questions.

Winter Warm-up

On February 4th, join us for sledding, a treasure hunt, kids activities, s'mores, and much more at Robert Morris Park.

If you see something, say something. If you see someone dumping trash or you see other unlawful activities, please contact 269-343-8212 or email us at parks@comstockmi.gov. You can also contact the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Department through the non-emergency line (269) 488-8911. If safe, try to record a plate number. We also have a complaint form online.

Comstock Township Library

Library Hours

Monday-Thursday 9:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Friday 9:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Saturday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.



Library Contact

269-345-0136

Info@comstocklibrary.org

www.comstocklibrary.org

Crafternoon

Tuesday, December 13 at 1:00

Looking for some feedback on something you're crafting or want to craft in a social setting? Bring a project you are working on and spend an hour or so getting to know fellow crafters!

Adult Book Club Registration

Monday, December 19

Registration and book pick-up begins for the January Book Club today! We're reading the cozy mystery, *Steeped to Death*, by Gretchen Rue and will meet on January 30 to discuss the book. Call or stop by the Library to register and pick-up your copy.



Wednesday, December 7 at 1:00 P.M.

Polymer Clay Jewelry

Local artist Holly Bryant will be teaching us how to use polymer clay to create beautiful jewelry. Please register for this event by visiting the Events page of the Library website or calling 269-345-0136.



Dates to Note

The Library will be closed on Saturday, December 24th, Monday, December 26th, Saturday, December 31st and Monday, January 2nd in observance of the Christmas and New Year's Day Holiday.



Please register for these free events by calling the library at [269-345-0136](tel:269-345-0136) or by visiting the Events page on the library's website www.comstocklibrary.org

Snow Removal

As we head into winter, we could again be dealing with some of the most challenging conditions for drivers. We want to inform you of our policies and procedures for snow plowing. Our snow removal is provided by the [Road Commission of Kalamazoo County](#) (RCKC). The RCKC prioritize the following roads in the order they're listed:

- All primary roads (i.e. Sprinkle Rd)
- All secondary roads (i.e. North 26 St., ML Ave)
- All Township plats (i.e. East Main Homesites)

Please note that roads such as Gull Road, King Highway/M-96, and I-94 are state roads, which are maintained by MDOT. Please direct questions and concerns regarding these roads to MDOT at (269) 337-3900.





Winter Weather Driving Tips

Drive Slow in Ice and Snow

Drive slow in ice and snow" is the Theme of the Michigan State Police's [winter safety driving safety program](#). Between 2016 and 2022, there were 370 fatalities in reporter crashes on icy, snowy, or slushy roads in Michigan.

The Michigan State Police (MSP) says it's easy to blame the weather for crashes, but every driver can do their part to keep everyone safe by following a few simple rules on slippery roads.



Drive Slow

- Avoid cruise control
- Michigan law requires drivers to move at a speed that is "reasonable and proper" for conditions
- It takes up to 10x longer to stop. Put your turn signal on sooner to help the drivers behind you.
- Accelerate and brake smoothly and gradually.

Drive safely near snowplows

- Do not pass them: Snowplows are heavy and often make wide turns or overlap lanes.
- If you see a snowplow coming from the opposite direction, slow down, turn on your windshield wipers and increase your distance from the center line if you can do so safely

Move over for stopped snowplows

- A snowplow is considered an authorized vehicle for purposes of [Michigan's Move Over law](#).
- If you see a stationary snowplow on the side of the road, you must slow down to at least 10 mph than the speed limit and move over to an open lane.
- If moving over to another lane is impossible, then slow down as much as possible, allowing as much room as possible.
- Violating the Move Over lane can result in penalties and fines.
- Slow down by taking your foot off the accelerator, not breaking.

Find out which roads have been plowed

- The Michigan Department of Transportation has a tool called [Mi Drive](#), which shows you many of the roads in Michigan that have been plowed recently.

2023 Meeting and Holiday Dates



List of Observed Holidays

New Years Day-observed	Monday	January 2, 2023
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Monday	January 16, 2023
President's Day	Monday	February 20, 2023
Memorial Day	Monday	May 29, 2023
Juneteenth	Monday	June 19, 2023
Independence Day-Floating	Monday	July 3, 2023
Independence Day	Tuesday	July 4, 2023
Labor Day	Monday	September 4, 2023
Veteran's Day observed	Friday	November 10, 2023
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday	November 23, 2023
Day After Thanksgiving	Friday	November 24, 2023
Christmas Eve-observed	Tuesday	December 26, 2023
Christmas Day	Monday	December 25, 2023

Township Board Regular Meetings

The Township Board meets the first and third Monday of each month. All meetings are normally scheduled to begin at 6:00 PM, however, dates and times are subject to change.

- January 9, 2023
- January 23, 2023
- February 6, 2023
- March 6, 2023
- March 20, 2023
- April 3, 2023
- April 17, 2023
- May 15, 2023
- June 5, 2023
- June 26, 2023
- July 17, 2023
- July 31, 2023
- August 21, 2023
- Sept. 18, 2023
- October 2, 2023
- October 16, 2023
- October 30, 2023
- November 20, 2023
- December 4, 2023
- December 18, 2023

Planning Commission Meetings

The Planning Commission meets on the second and fourth Thursday of each month. All meetings are normally scheduled to begin at 7:00 PM, however, dates and times are subject to change.

- January 12, 2023
- January 26, 2023
- February 9, 2023
- February 23, 2023
- March 9, 2023
- March 23, 2023
- April 13, 2023
- April 27, 2023
- May 11, 2023
- May 25, 2023
- June 8, 2023
- June 22, 2023
- July 13, 2023
- July 27, 2023
- August 10, 2023
- August 24, 2023
- September 14, 2023
- September 28, 2023
- October 12, 2023
- October 26, 2023
- November 9, 2023
- December 14, 2023

Downtown Development Authority Meetings

The Downtown Development Authority meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month. All meetings are normally scheduled to begin at 5:30 PM, however, dates and times are subject to change.

- January 25, 2023
- February 22, 2023
- March 22, 2023
- April 26, 2023
- May 24, 2023
- June 28, 2023
- July 26, 2023
- August 23, 2023
- September 27, 2023
- October 25, 2023
- November 29, 2023
- December 27, 2023

Zoning Board of Appeals

The Zoning Board of Appeals meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month. All meetings are normally scheduled to begin at 4:00 PM, however, dates and times are subject to change.

- January 24, 2023
- February 28, 2023
- March 28, 2023
- April 25, 2023
- May 23, 2023
- June 27, 2023
- July 25, 2023
- August 22, 2023
- September 26, 2023
- October 24, 2023
- November 28, 2023
- December 19, 2023

Parks Board Meetings

The Parks Board meets the second Monday of each month at 6:00 P.M.

- *January 9, 2023
- February 13, 2023
- March 13, 2023
- April 10, 2023
- May 8, 2023
- June 12, 2023
- July 10, 2022
- August 14, 2022
- September 11, 2022
- October 9, 2022
- November 13, 2022
- December 11, 2022

All meetings are held in the Township Hall meeting room unless otherwise noted.
*The January 9th Parks Board meeting will be held in the Heritage Room at the library.



Contact us

Find us on Social Media

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/comstocktwp>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/comstockctwp/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/ComstockCTwp>

Linkedin: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/comstock-charter-township/>

Meet the author



Thank you very much for reading this edition of the Comstock Connect Newsletter. We look forward to keeping you up-to-date on all the latest happenings in our community.

Have a story to share?

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Communications Development Coordinator

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BOARD VACANCY



REQUIREMENTS

- Attend a monthly meeting.
- Have a passion for Parks & Recreation.
- Live in the Township.



Email us your questions:
parks@comstockmi.gov



Where to apply:
<https://comstockmi.gov>

APPLY NOW



YOU ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE

Deck Your House Holiday Lights Contest

SHOW YOUR COMMUNITY SPIRIT BY DECKING
YOUR HOUSE FOR THE HOLIDAYS. 3 HOUSES
WILL BE AWARDED: MOST CREATIVE, MOST
LIGHTS, & BEST DECORATED.

Register between December 1-16, 2022

REGISTER AT: COMSTOCKMI.GOV/PARKS-RECREATION/PROGRAM-OFFERINGS/

